

Fastball St. Albert Association Financial Assistance Policy

Purpose and Philosophy

Fastball St. Albert encourages keeping girls active and in organized sport and recognizes that the cost of participation can be a barrier. With that in mind, Fastball St. Albert will endeavour to make up to \$3000.00 per season available from a benevolent fund to offer financial assistance for team fees in the form of individual Grants valued up to \$500.00 to its players. Unawarded funds will not carry forward into a new season.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Grant:

- 1. The player must be registered with Fastball St. Albert in U11 or above and appear on the roster of a team.
- 2. The player must meet the application criteria.
- 3. A parent or guardian must apply on behalf of a player under 18 years old.
- 4. A player aged 18 years old or over can apply on their own behalf.
- 5. The combined family income of the household where the player lives must be less than \$75,000.00 per year.
- 6. A player is eligible to apply every season.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Grants will be awarded to individual players to assist with team fees.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Grants will not be awarded to cover the costs of registration fees, player development, travel, accommodation, or meals.

Grants will not be awarded to teams.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

- 1. Maximum amount granted will not exceed \$500.00 per player.
- 2. Maximum amount granted will not exceed the team fees payable by a player to their team.
- 3. The actual amount of a Grant is subject to the availability of funds.
- 4. Applications will be processed on November 1st and April 1st of each year, with not more than 50% of the funds being granted prior to the April 1st application deadline.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The following must be submitted with applications in order to be considered:

- 1. Completed application form.
- 2. Proof of annual family income less than \$75,000.00. Income eligibility will be determined by combining the parent or guardian and, if applicable, their spouse or partner's income tax information from their most recent Notice(s) of Assessment. In the event of a recent loss of income or in situations where a Notice of Assessment is not available (e.g. recently turned 18



with no history of filing an income tax return or new immigrant or refugee to Canada), the applicant can ask to be evaluated on their current income.

3. Team budget.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of three members from the Fastball St. Albert's Board of Directors.



<u>Completed Application and attachments should be submitted via email to:</u> president@fastballstalbert.ca

PLAYER INFORMATION First name: Last name: Mailing address: Postal Code: City: Telephone: Email: Birth date (MM-DD-YYYY): Age: Amount of Grant Requested: Team: **PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION** First name: Last name: Mailing address: City: Postal code: Email: Telephone: Relationship to player: **VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL SITUATION** Number of adults in household where player lives: Please attach: □ Most recent Notice of Assessment (NOA) for each adult in the household where the player lives; and Team Budget Applicant is requesting to be reviewed based on current income instead of NOA, based on criteria in the Player Financial Assistance Grant Policy: □ yes

Please provide a brief explanation on a separate page and attach proof of current income.